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Estates Land Act

Consideration of reports regarding Estates Land Act (Amendment) Bill.

* 396 Q.—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the reports made by the Board of Revenue and the Collectors in connexion with the Estates Land Act (Amendment) Bill have been considered by the Government ; and

(b) whether the Bill will be introduced in the Council and, if so, when ?

A.—(a) No reports were made by the Collectors to the Government. Certain matters relating to the Bill were referred to the Board of Revenue for remarks. The Board's report has been received and is under consideration.

(b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the latter part of the answer to question No. 174 asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council on 9th August 1929.

Land Revenue (Establishment)

Alleged supplies to the Tahsildar of Sriperumbudur.

* 397 Q.—Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tahsildar of Sriperumbudur in the Chingleput district gets, while on tour, supplies of not only necessaries but also luxuries from his subordinate officials ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Tahsildar does not pay for the things supplied to him, while on tour ;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Subdivisional Officer, Saidapet, takes with him while on tour, a large number of his relatives ;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Subdivisional Officer does not pay for the things supplied to him ;

(e) whether any representation has been made to the District Collector on the matter referred to in (c) and (d) or in (a) and (b) ; and

(f) what steps the Government propose to take to put an end to such a state of things ?

A.—(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) The Government are not aware that the facts are as suggested.

(f) The hon. Member's attention is drawn to the rules laid down in Board's Standing Order No. 113, Volume I.

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" Has the Government made any enquiries into the matter ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" No, Sir. I understand from clause (e) of the question that representations have been made to the District Collector ; it is implied in the question. If so, the District Collector will no doubt make all due enquiries."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" Will the Government be pleased to ask the Collector to enquire into the matter and inform him that the reputation of these officers of the Chingleput district is scandalously bad in regard to this matter ? "

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The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—"No, Sir. I think the Collector will take action if he finds it necessary."

Khan Bahadur S. K. Abdul Razack Sahib Bahadur :—"Will the Government be pleased to ask the questioner to furnish information so that the Collector could proceed further in the matter?"

The hon. the President :—"I am not able to understand how the question is admissible."

Loans

Sale of land for arrears of loans at Molagavalli.

* 398 Q.—Mr A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether lands of a considerable number of Adi-Andhras of the Panchama colony at Molagavalli, Allur taluk, Bellary district, have been notified for sale for arrears of loans;

(b) if so, the number of loans in respect of which such notification has been issued and the number of borrowers involved in such loans;

(c) whether any of the borrowers had to pay and have paid the arrears due on other loans in the last or the current fasli and, if so, how many and what amount;

(d) whether the loans for the recovery of which lands have been notified for sale, all relate to the same fasli and to different individuals; and

(e) if not, the number of individuals whose arrears relate to loans of more than one fasli?

A.—(a) to (e) The Government have not the information but have called for a report.

Settlement

Wet and dry lands in Godavari and Kistna districts.

* 399 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with regard to East Godavari, West Godavari and Kistna districts—

(a) the extent of land under cultivation, both dry and wet, at the time of first settlement, second settlement and also for the present settlement; and

(b) the total assessment under each head after the first and second assessments?

A.—(a) Since 1904, the territorial limits of the districts of Kistna and Godavari have undergone considerable changes. The figures asked for are not therefore available for the same areas at the three periods of settlements. The area cultivated in the years 1891–92, 1900–1901 and 1927–28 is given below :—

	Year.	Area.
		ACS.
The old districts of Godavari and Kistna less the taluks transferred to Guntur in 1904.	1891–92	14,03,691
	1900–1901	17,14,009
East Godavari, West Godavari and Kistna	1927–28.	23,96,705

These figures do not include areas for which there were no returns of the area cultivated.